GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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REGISTRATION OF MANUFACTURERS BY NCCF
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the branches of NCCF were advised to register only the manufacturers forsupply of goods to Government departments and organisations financed or controlled by the Government;

(b) whether the branches of NCCF are still not purchasing many of the goods from otherthan manufacturers in the guise of unbranded and low priced items;

(c) whether the branches of NCCF have not yet reviewed the arrangement of supply ofgoods and the goods are still being supplied directly by the dealers/manufacturers to the Government departments;

(d) if so, the measures taken to ensure that branches of NCCF do not allow any supplies direct to the Government offices, purchase all items irrespective of brand and value from the manufacturers/their authorized distributors or by inviting open tenders for the supply of those items and to review the arrangement of supply of goods through authorized dealers of the branded manufacturers items; and

(e) the other measures taken to streamline the working of NCCF?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to(c): The NCCF is an autonomous cooperative society having its own Board of Directors to take decisions regarding its business and other administrative matters. According to the information furnished by the NCCF, they have modified their sourcing policy in respect of branded manufactured goods with effect from 1.7.2001. According to the revised procedure, the branches of the NCCF have been advised to register the manufacturers of the branded items and where the manufacturers decline, their nominated distributors/dealers are to be registered. In respect of the un-branded and low value items, the branches of the NCCF can register general suppliers, after ensuring the competitiveness of prices. In small places, where there are no manufacturers or their nominated distributors, the branches of the NCCF are sourcing their requirement from the local suppliers.

(d) : According to NCCF, for the small quantity of the items indented bythe indenting Government Departments/Agencies, it is not possible to source the unbranded or low value goods directly from the manufacturers/nominated distributors. In such cases also, the competitiveness of the prices are maintained.

(e) : The NCCF has strengthened its internal control system by registeringthe manufacturers and/or the suppliers nominated by the manufacturers as the main source of supply of the branded/manufactured items. The Monitoring Cells at the Branchesundertake the liaison with the Government Departments to know the level of satisfaction with regard to the quality, competitiveness of rates as also the services provided by the NCCF. Complaints received, if any, are immediately looked into and necessary corrective steps taken.